

Western Region

Virginia Archaeology Month 2005



Daily Events

Sunday, October 1 *Millboro*

Lecture: **DOUTHAT STATE PARK: NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES—Come to the Beach House for a slide show of the Middle East, chronicling the travels of William Kelly. Mr. Kelly will present photos of site in Turkey and will feature another site near the Red Sea.**

Sponsor: Douthat State Park
Location: Route 1
Time: 7 p.m.
Contact: (540) 862-8114
Web: www.dcr.virginia.gov

Sunday, October 2 *Abingdon*

Lecture: **WASHINGTON COUNTY POTTERS and THEIR WORKSHOPS—A presentation by Chris Espenshade, a Cultural Resource Specialist, who has investigated archaeological pottery sites in Washington County. He will discuss how he associated the shop locations with specific potters and describe the type of pottery made at each shop. Examples of this pottery will be on display.**

Sponsor: William King Regional Arts Center
Location: 415 Academy Drive
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: (276) 628-5005
Web: www.wkrac.org

Thomas Jefferson's
Poplar Forest
www.poplarforest.org

**1008 Poplar Forest Drive
Forest, Virginia**

Saturday, October 8

Open House and Site Tours: 11:15 a.m., 12:15, 1:15, and 2:15 p.m. Archaeology Open House. Tours of archaeological sites and the archaeology lab led by staff: Dr. Barbara Heath, Randy Lichtenberger, Keith Adams, Liz Paull, Rachel Deddens and Kathy Kramer. The tours will consider long-term research on the enslaved community at Poplar Forest and the development of Jefferson's retirement retreat.

Hands-On History Center for Youth 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Open for children and adults to learn more about the life of Thomas Jefferson and the plantation community through hands-on activities including making bricks; screening for artifacts; writing with a quill pen; and breaking flax to make cloth.

Free. Admission charge for house tour.
For further information telephone (434) 525-1806
www.poplarforest.org

Sunday, October 16 *Saltville*

Fee-free **MUSEUM of the MIDDLE**
Day: **APPALACHIANS—Admission Free on**
Sunday afternoon. The Museum is
dedicated to the research,
preservation, and interpretation of
the natural and cultural heritage of
the Middle Appalachian Region.

Sponsor: The Saltville Foundation
Location: Museum of the Middle Appalachians
123 Palmer Avenue
Time: 1–4 p.m.
Contact: (276) 496–3633
Web: www.museum-mid-app.org

Tuesday, October 18 **Critz**
 Lecture / **HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY of**
 Workshop: **SLAVERY ON THE PLANTATION—**
 Come and see a presentation by *Jim Stevens, History & Anthropology Department at Carlisle School*, on research being done at the Reynolds Homestead to locate the slave quarters. The lecture will be followed by a workshop on how the archaeological investigation is done— including demonstrations of survey equipment, and washing, labeling, and analysis of artifacts.

Sponsor: Reynolds Homestead, CEC
 Location: 463 Homestead Lane
 Time: 7 p.m.
 Contact: (276) 694-7181 x 21
 Web: www.reynoldshomestead.edu

Saturday, October 22 **Martinsville**
 Kid's **EXPLORING ARCHAEOLOGY at THE**
 Program: **VIRGINIA MUSEUM of NATURAL HISTORY—Come celebrate Archaeology Month at the Museum! Learn more about our ancient past through games, activities, and crafts.**

Sponsor: Virginia Museum of Natural History
 Location: 1001 Douglas Avenue
 Time: 10:00 a.m.–noon
 Contact: (276) 666-8600
 Web: www.vmnh.net

Friday, October 28 **Lexington**
 Open- **ANTHROPOLOGY LAB OPEN-HOUSE**
 House: **at WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY—Tour the anthropology lab, see exhibits on the 19th-century Longdale Iron Mining Complex and the 18th-century Liberty Hall Academy. View artifacts that students and staff are currently processing and analyzing.**

Sponsor: Washington & Lee University
 Location: Liberty Hall Farmhouse
 Time: 11 a.m.–3 p.m.
 Contact: (540) 458-8574

Saturday, October 29 **Bassett**
 Kid's **DREAM CATCHER at PHILPOTT**
 Program: **LAKE, GOOSE POINT PARK—Kids will make a dream catcher and learn the origin of the dream catcher from Mary C. Lawson, Conservation Biologist.**

Sponsor: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philpott Lake,
 Location: 4780 Goose Point Road
 Time: 5 p.m.
 Contact: (276) 629-2703

Ongoing Events

During October, Daily **Abingdon**
 Exhibit: **ARCHAEOLOGY in SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA at the WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY—Visit this exhibit and see artifacts and information on past activities of the Wolf Hills Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia, including assisting with surveys and archeological investigations as well as creating exhibits on archeological materials.**

Sponsor: Wolf Hills Chapter, Archeological Society of Virginia
 Location: Washington County Public Library
 205 Oak Hill Street
 Time: Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.;
 Friday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.;
 Sunday, 2–5 p.m.
 Contact: (276) 676-6222

July 22 – November 20 **Abingdon**
 Exhibit: **LEGACY in CLAY: Pottery in Washington County, Virginia at the WILLIAM KING REGIONAL ARTS CENTER—Over 150 pottery forms illustrate how families carried their pottery tradition to Southwest Virginia. The exhibit is the culmination of years of research, archaeology and museum collecting.**

Sponsor: Highlands Union Bank
 Wolf Hills Chapter, Archeological Society of Virginia
 William King Regional Arts Center
 Location: 415 Academy Drive
 Time: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.–9 p.m.;
 Wednesday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.;
 Sunday, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.
 Contact: (276) 628-5005
 Web: www.wkrac.org

October **Radford**
 Exhibit: **VIRGINIA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**
Archaeology on the Edge: Environmental Archaeology in Virginia—Exhibit with reading material about archaeology, poster and Calendar of Events being held around the Commonwealth.
 Sponsor: Radford University McConnell Library
 Location: 801 East Main Street
 Time: Monday–Thursday, 7:45 a.m.–midnight;
 Friday, 7:45–7 p.m.;
 Saturday, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.;
 Sunday, 12 noon–midnight.
 Contact: (540) 831-5701

Permanent Exhibit **Saltville**
 Exhibit: **WOODLAND INDIANS at the MUSEUM of the MIDDLE APPALACHIANS**—This exhibit from the Museum’s permanent collection showcases extensive shell beadwork and photographs of the pictographs on *Paint Lick Mountain* in Tazewell County.
 Sponsor: The Saltville Foundation
 Location: Museum of the Middle Appalachians
 123 Palmer Avenue
 Time: Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sundays 1–4 p.m.
 Contact: (276) 496-3633
 Web: www.museum-mid-app.org

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS & STUDENTS

AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES—Museums, teachers, and educational organizations may check out ARK kits at no cost by calling Keith Egloff at (804) 367-2323 Ext. 131

ARK—The African American Archaeological Resource Kit. This new kit of resource materials for teachers was produced by the Education Committee of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. It contains artifacts, artifact identification flash cards, maps and site plans, a card game based on foodways, and explanatory material on each of three sites.

ARK—The Virginia Indian Archaeological Resource Kit. This ARK contains books, drawings, videos, replicas, and a computer game that will give students a variety of ways to explore archaeology and the Indians of Virginia. The kit circulates on temporary loan at no cost.

AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
www.dhr.virginia.gov/arch_DHR/archaco_teach.htm

First People: The Early Indians of Virginia Find out about the ancient history of the native people of Virginia.

NEW! The Indian World of John White’s Paintings An exciting interactive education module developed by the Department of Historic Resources. Based on three White watercolors, the module forms a valuable on-line resource and springboard for learning about Indian life, especially for elementary school students.

Teachers! Now available online—the Teacher Guide and Activity Book to *Solving History’s Mysteries: The History Discovery Lab*. The exhibition and the guide use archaeological sites and historic places to illustrate the processes of discovering the tangible evidence of our past.

Lesson plans using archaeology These lesson plans, for elementary and middle school students, are tied to appropriate Standards of Learning and were developed in association with the *Becoming a Homeplace* section of the Virginia Historical Society’s major exhibition, *The Story of Virginia*. Plans are posted on the VHS site, available from the above DHR site address.